

**MINUTES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

6:00 pm McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

Jana called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

Present: Gwen White, Jana McGee, Teddie Mower, Jessica Pittman, Rebecca Swanson

Regrets: Bill Brown, Molly O'Donnell, Dave Rollo, Gary Charbonneau

Staff: Jacqui Bauer

Public Comment: No public comment

Announcements:

The Energy Challenge will have a neighborhood outreach event on 3/19, and needs volunteers. They will also repeat the Explore Energy event on June 25.

Jeff Jewel has officially resigned his position on the commission. A new co-chair and new members are needed.

Rebecca expressed interest in having the commission take a position on Indiana submitting a plan as part of the Clean Energy Plan. In addition to this, Jacqui suggested the commission could sign on to a request from a group of cities showing support for the CPP generally.

Approval of Minutes: The February 2016 minutes were approved.

Report from the Chair

Jana attended the keynote presentations that kicked off Sustain IU Week: Julian Agyeman and Drew Lanham. The two speakers addressed living within limits, sustainability, and racial equality. They mentioned a website called FLoatingsheep.com that maps racist social media posts. Drew also has a blog called wildandincolor.blogspot.com.

Julian focused on using unlimited mental resources rather than our limited natural resources.

Report from the Sustainability Coordinator:

The MCEC has launched Workplace Partner Program and the Energy Leader program, and is looking for additional partners and nominations.

The City website is being reorganized, and there is an opportunity to restructure the sustainability information and make it easier for residents to find.

Committee reports and updates

1. Environmental Commission Planning Committee: Proposed Mother Bear's restaurant on the west side – a sinkhole has been identified on the property, so this plan is on hold.
2. Environmental Commission: The commission met to identify their committees for 2016. The list isn't finalized yet, but Dedaimia will share their list.
3. Bring Your Bag Bloomington update: This will be removed from the agenda in the future. HB 1053 was passed, and is likely to be signed by the governor. The group will refocus, and concentrate on education.

New Business: No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42.

Next Meeting: April 12th, McCloskey Room, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.